

INFLUENZA REPORT

2022-2023 Influenza Season

MMWR Week 48 (11/27-12/3)

Weekly Report of Influenza and Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Activity

Overview (MMWR Week 48)



Influenza and Influenza-like Illness Activity

Spread

Regional/Local

Most counties have reported continued regional geographic spread

Co-circulating

Other Viruses

SARS-CoV-2 RSV

Outbreaks

Increasing

Reports from school districts of increasing cases

Syndromic

13

Syndromic anomalies reported across the state

Flu Activity

High

Activity remains elevated across the state

Seasonal Data

Types of Flu

Influenza A and B viruses are circulating

Severity

Inpatients

Increasing reports of hospitalizations across the country with highest rates in those 65+

EMS

50

Suspected ILI reports this week

ILI Activity

High

Consistently high reports of outpatient respiratory illnesses

Subtypes

Primary: A/H3

Predominately
H3N2 viruses
reported across the
country

Deaths

0

No locally reported pediatric deaths; 21 total pediatric deaths across the country this season

Hot Spots

Tracking Trends

Notified of several hot spots

Geographic Spread

Geographic Activity by Regions

Wyoming as a whole continues to have **regional activity** this week (MMWR Week 48) with certain counties reporting **local activity** levels.

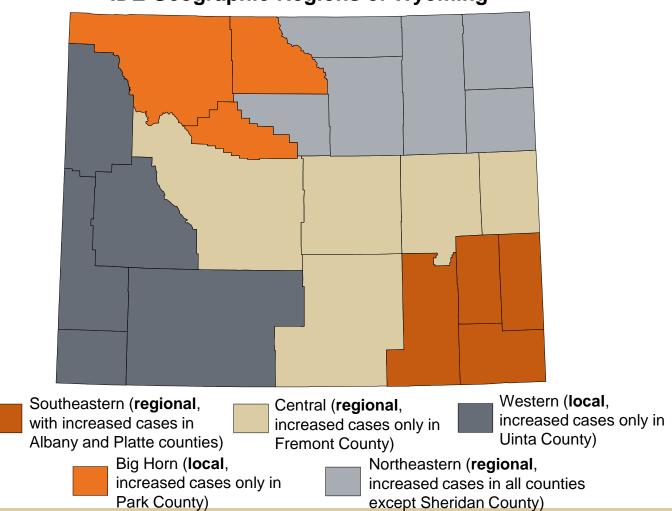
Healthcare providers in 21 counties reported ILI activity.

The electronically reported influenza cases represent all five Infectious Disease Epidemiology (IDE) Geographic Regions.

Three of the five IDE Geographic Regions indicated continued trends of regional activity this week with certain counties seeing a slight decrease in reported case counts.

Healthcare providers across the state electronically reported 444 influenza cases (rapid influenza diagnostic tests and PCR confirmed tests).

IDE Geographic Regions of Wyoming



Virologic Surveillance



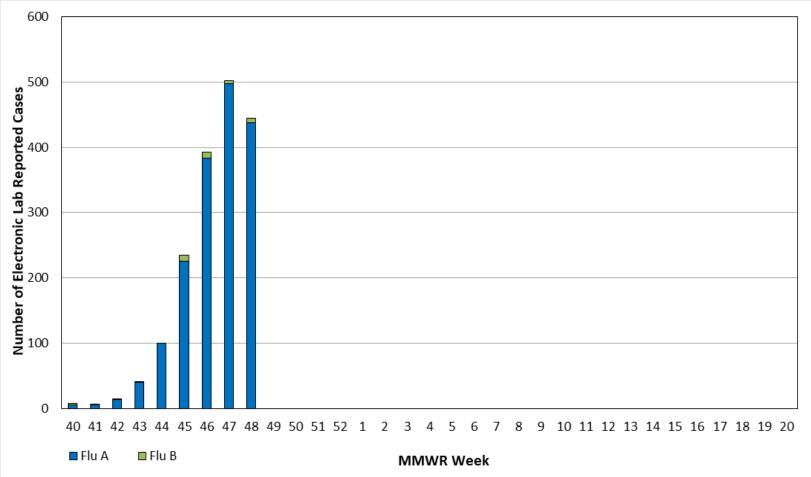
Public Health Laboratory

The overall volume of samples tested for influenza at the Wyoming Public Health Laboratory has increased since the introduction of the CDC Influenza SARS-CoV-2 Multiplex Assay. Wyoming saw a slight decrease in the number of positive influenza specimens reported this week compared to the past few weeks of the 2022-2023 season.

Healthcare and Clinical Laboratories

Clinical laboratories most frequently reported Influenza A/H3N2 viruses during MMWR Week 48, with a handful of H1N1 and Influenza B viruses.

Electronic Lab Reports of Influenza Cases



* This graph is not representative of all influenza cases across the state

Influenza-like Illness Surveillance



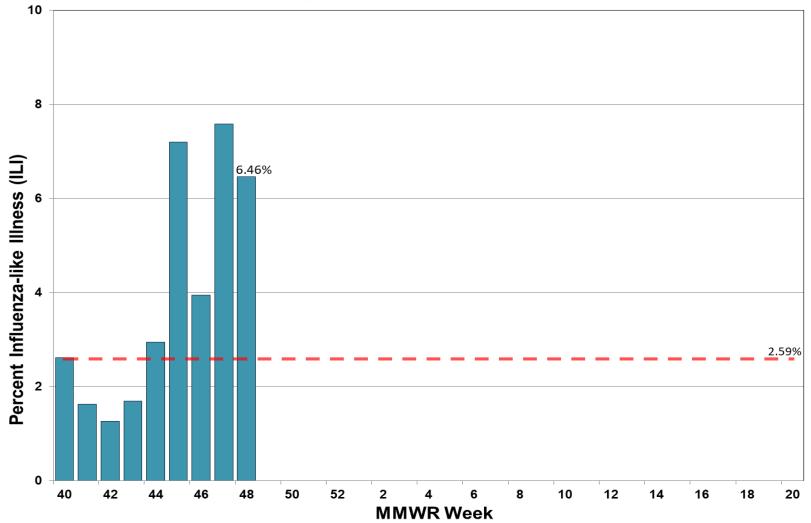
ILINet Providers

The percent of patient visits to ILINet Sentinel Providers for influenza-like illness was 6.46%, which is above Wyoming's baseline (2.59%), and a slight decrease from week 47.

The Wyoming Department of Health received reports from more than 50% of the ILINet providers across the state.

Key Updates: All U.S. regions are above their regional baseline for week 48. Based on CDC calculations, transmission within Wyoming is still considered high.

Weekly Percent of ILI Visits



Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality



Mortality Data

Tracking death certificates is the best surveillance system to capture and identify pneumonia and influenza-associated deaths in Wyoming. According to the CDC, influenza is infrequently listed on death certificates. Also, testing for seasonal influenza infections is not frequently performed, particularly among the elderly, who are at greatest risk for seasonal influenza complications and death. Therefore, public health officials may not identify influenza-associated deaths in many instances; consequently, this surveillance system may underestimate the true impact of influenza-associated deaths in the state.

There have been 15 pneumonia and influenza (P&I) mortality reports certified since the beginning of the 2022-2023 Influenza Season.

Monthly P&I Mortality Reports (2017-2023)

